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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: STATUS GENERAL SHARON

1. COS SHIHABI HAS ASKED ME ABOUT CURRENT STATUS MAJOR GENERAL ARIEL SHARON WITH IDF AND OUR VIEWS OF SIGNIFICANCE HIS REINSTATEMENT. REPLIED I WOULD WISH CONFIRM BUT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT SHARON HAD MERELY RECEIVED HIS RESERVE COMMISSION BACK AGAIN AND WAS IN EFFECT "SHADOW" COMMANDER OF SOUTHERN FRONT AS GENERAL TEL WAS TABBED FOR NORTHERN FRONT. NEITHER OFFICER CURRENTLY HAD COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES. AS PERSONAL OPINION SUGGESTED THAT RETURN OF AT LEAST SHARON TO RESERVE STATUS HAD BEEN DECIDED UPON BY GOI AS POLITICAL CONCESSION TO LIKUD PARTY.

2. REQUEST TEL AVIV COMMENT ON FOREGOING.
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